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How do we know the Eucharist is Jesus' body and blood?



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Our eyes will likely never see the bread and wine change into Jesus' body and blood. Ultimately, belief in the Eucharist requires trust in God.

In our scientific world, we often want everything verified and calculated, telling us exactly how something happens, or being able to see the mechanisms unfold before our eyes.

Unfortunately, outside of a few Eucharistic miracles, there are no visible changes to the bread and wine we see at Mass. Even if we put a normal consecrated host under a microscope, we would not see it transformed into Jesus' body and blood.

Our physical eyes will likely never see a difference between a consecrated host and an unconsecrated host.

How can we be certain?

Belief in the Eucharist boils down to trust in God.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains this in its section on the Eucharist:

"That in this sacrament are the true Body of Christ and his true Blood is something that **cannot be apprehended by the senses,**' says St. Thomas, 'but **only by faith,** which relies on divine authority.' For this reason, in a

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commentary on Luke 22:19 ('This is my body which is given for you.'). St. Cyril says: 'Do not doubt whether this is true, but rather receive the words of the Savior in faith, for **since He is the truth, He cannot lie.**'"

If we believe that Jesus is God and that he told the truth while on earth, then we are challenged to believe in the gift of the Eucharist and that he is able to miraculously transform bread and wine into his body, blood, soul and divinity.

The *Catechism* provides a few verses from St. Thomas' hymn *Adoro te devote* as an example of the type of faith we should have:

Godhead here in hiding, whom I
do adore
Masked by these bare shadows,
shape and nothing more,
See, Lord, at thy service low lies
here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder at the
God thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in
thee deceived;
How says trusty hearing? that
shall be believed;
What God's Son has told me,
take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly or
there's nothing true.

When it comes to the Eucharist, we need both faith and reason. We cannot believe in the Eucharist through reason alone. **It all comes down to faith and trusting that God did not lie to us, but is truly present in a unique and miraculous way.**

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 6, Vigil for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

4:00 p.m. Albin Zaweski (dec)

Sunday, June 7, Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

8:00 a.m. Willard Ward (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Norbert and Esther Bischoff (dec)

Monday, June 8, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Judith Maginot (dec)

Tuesday, June 9, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

Wednesday, June 10, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, June 11, Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

Friday, June 12, Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 a.m. Herbert and Irene McKinney (dec)

Saturday, June 13, Vigil for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. John and Madeline Young (dec)

Sunday, June 14, The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Roger and Joan Oswald (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (dec)





June 7, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a | 1 Cor 10:16-17 | Jn 6:51-58

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I'll never forget the first time I understood that the Eucharist does more than unite us to Jesus (a reality that is astonishing on its own). We profess in our creed that we're part of a communion of saints; every time we receive the Lord in holy Communion, we're drawn into a closer union with him and with all those who are members of his Body. St. Paul tells us that in partaking of the Body and Blood of the Lord, "we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf." In a society where people are divided in so many ways, we're reminded of the Lord's burning desire – which he spoke of at the Last Supper – that we would all be one as he and the Father are one. (Jn 17:21) In giving us his very self in the Eucharist, Jesus has given us the means for achieving the unity he desires with us and for us. As we come forward to receive the Eucharist this Sunday, let us ask the Lord for the grace to grow in love and unity with all those who share this "one loaf."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Like the Israelites wandering in the desert, our hearts long not only for physical bread, but for spiritual nourishment. Those who have come to know the Lord know that it is only the bread that he gives that can satisfy the hungers of our hearts. One of the best descriptions for evangelization I have heard is "one beggar telling another where the food is." We have access to food that offers life eternal. How can we keep such a feast to ourselves? Because the Eucharist is at the heart of our Christian life, it ought to factor heavily into our evangelization efforts. Think about ways you can share how the hungers in your life have been satisfied by the Lord in this sacrament.

PRAY

The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. Today, take some time to thank the Lord for giving us his Body and Blood. You might consider praying with the Sequence (*Lauda Sion*) for today, a prayer of thanksgiving composed by St. Thomas Aquinas specifically for this solemnity. This beautiful sequence invites us to offer exuberant thanksgiving for this great gift: "*Full and clear ring out your chanting, / Joy nor sweetest grace be wanting, / From your heart let praises burst.*"



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Following Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Ladies! Join us for a Spiritual Shape-up!



WOMEN'S RETREAT JUNE 20 & 21



Experience an enriching program to enhance your summer!

Exercise your faith, meet new friends, read Scripture, share faith stories, pray, sing, and laugh with us.



Contact the Christ Renews His Parish team
CRHP1983@gmail.com

or call Andrea Thiele 727 251-4760

Prayer for Protection during Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Amen.

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Weekly Offering

Weekly Giving 05/24/26

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Weekly Giving 05/31/26

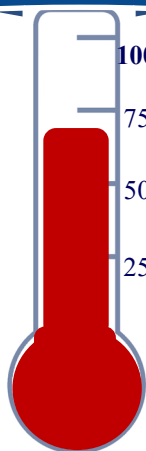
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**Thank you for your generosity!
Keep up the good work!**

Faith Community Nurses will be holding CPR and AED Training Tuesday, June 16 at 4:00 pm in the Faith Formation Room. Please Join us and learn a life saving skill!



Everyday Stewardship

The Heart of Stewardship

What else is there to give when one has already given away one's body and one's life? What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all one had has been given to another? This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting. This is the ultimate in love. This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his Passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth. No one can give more. No one can ask for more. This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.

If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love. And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the One who is the embodiment of stewardship.

Then, you must ask yourself, "How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?" The answer is you can begin with the simple actions of the day: where will you go, whom will you meet, and in what work will you partake? Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread. By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts, but by everyday acts, by everyday people, practicing Everyday Stewardship. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 6		
2:30 pm-3:30 pm	Confessions	CR
Sunday, June 7		
Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am	Masses	CYH
Monday, June 8		
6:30 pm	"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Meeting	CYH
Tuesday, June 9		
10:00 am	Scripture Class (last class)	CYH
Wednesday, June 10		
Adoration		
5:30 pm	Rosary	CH
6:00 pm- 7:00 pm	Holy Hour	CH
Thursday, June 11		
4:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	FF
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	MR
Saturday, June 13		
2:30 pm-3:30 pm	Confessions	CR
Sunday, June 14		
Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am	Masses	CYH

Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CR=Cry Room
 CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CH=Church, FF= Faith Formation Room
 PL= Parking Lot

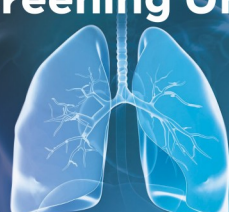
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Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, btsp.org

Confessions

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

Parish Office

Monday—Friday
 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1-4 pm
 Closed for Lunch Noon to 1:00 pm

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